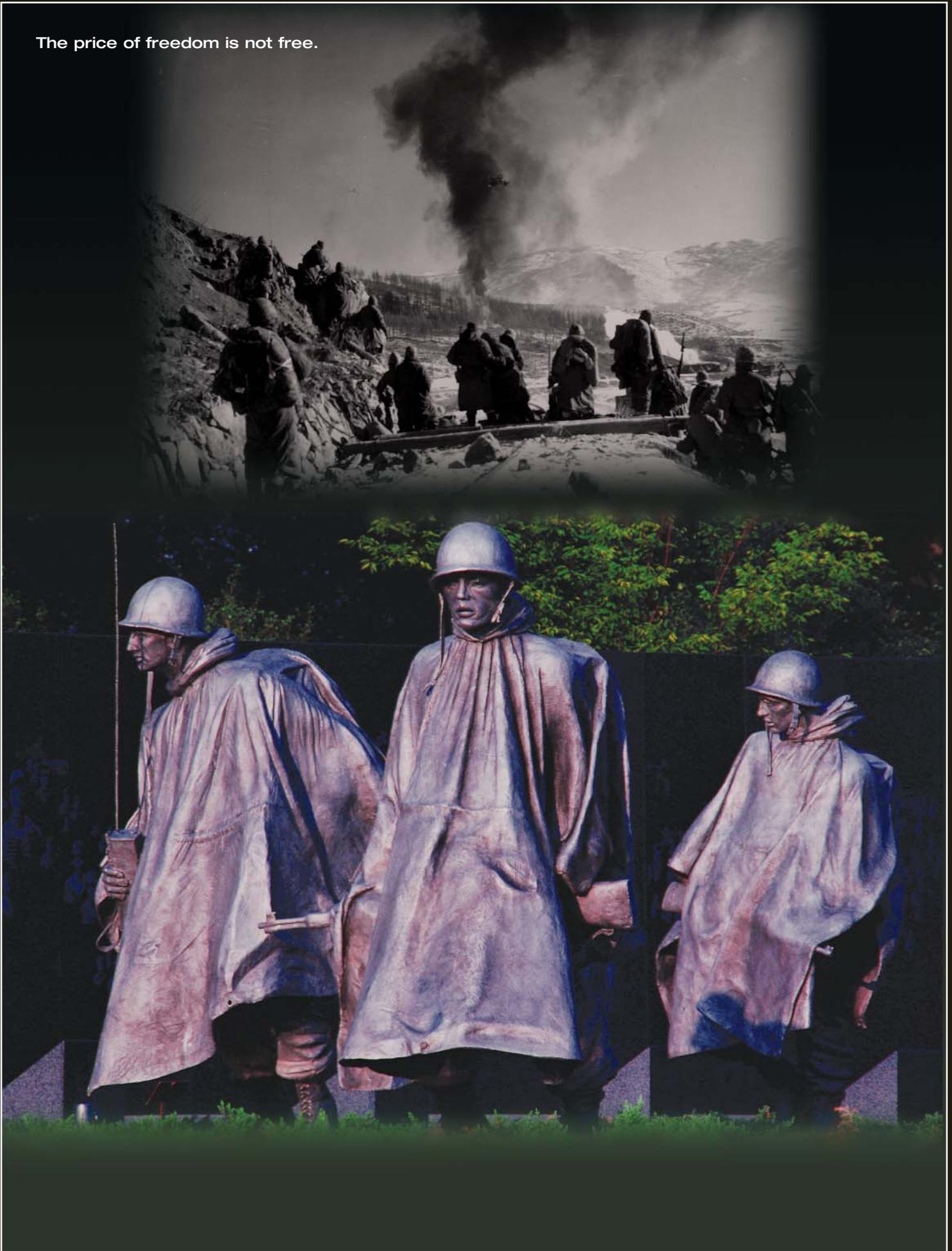


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The price of freedom is not free.



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As a member of the U.S. Army's elite parachute team, the Golden Knights, Special Forces Sgt. 1st Class Dana Bowman lost both his legs in an aerial accident in 1994. Nine months later, he turned tragedy into victory when he became the first double amputee to reenlist in the Army. Now retired from the Army, Bowman is a VR&E graduate whose incredible experience and accomplishments prove: it's not the disability, it's the ability!

".....to care for him who shall have
borne the battle, and for his widow
and his orphan..."

Abraham Lincoln
Second Inaugural Address

FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS
 AGO OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH
 ON THIS CONTINENT A NEW NATION
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 TED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL
 MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL .
 NOW WE ARE ENGAGED IN A GREAT
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 NATION OR ANY NATION SO CON-
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 ENDURE . WE ARE MET ON A GREAT
 BATTLEFIELD OF THAT WAR . WE HAVE
 COME TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF
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 PLACE FOR THOSE WHO HERE GAVE
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 MIGHT LIVE . IT IS ALTOGETHER FIT-
 TING AND PROPER THAT WE SHOULD
 DO THIS . BUT IN A LARGER SENSE
 WE CAN NOT DEDICATE ~ WE CAN NOT
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 THIS GROUND . THE BRAVE MEN LIV-
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 HAVE CONSECRATED IT FAR ABOVE
 OUR POOR POWER TO ADD OR DETRACT .
 THE WORLD WILL LITTLE NOTE NOR
 LONG REMEMBER WHAT WE SAY HERE
 BUT IT CAN NEVER FORGET WHAT THEY
 DID HERE . IT IS FOR US THE LIVING
 RATHER TO BE DEDICATED HERE TO
 THE UNFINISHED WORK WHICH THEY
 WHO FOUGHT HERE HAVE THUS FAR
 SO NOBLY ADVANCED . IT IS RATHER FOR
 US TO BE HERE DEDICATED TO THE
 GREAT TASK REMAINING BEFORE US
 THAT FROM THIS DAY WE DO NOT
 ACCEPT AS OUR GOD THE GOD OF
 DEATH BUT WE ACCEPT AS OUR GOD
 THE GOD OF THE LIVING .



February

Black History Month



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Atlanta natives Lawrence McCoy, Lewis Brown and Chris Christophe retired from the U.S. Army and Air Force following careers that totaled more than six decades of service. After completing programs through the VR&E, all three are back home in Atlanta and employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of Interior. McCoy, who served 20 years in the Air Force, is a Mailroom Clerk, as is 20-year Army veteran Brown. Christophe, who served 23 years in the Army, is a Personnel Specialist.

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The future belongs to those who
believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt

March

National Women's History Month



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Gale Grant entered the VR&E program in Houston, Texas after serving 10 years in the U.S. Air Force. She completed a Master's degree in clinical psychology in 1998 and is now a Clinical Director/Psychotherapist in Houston.

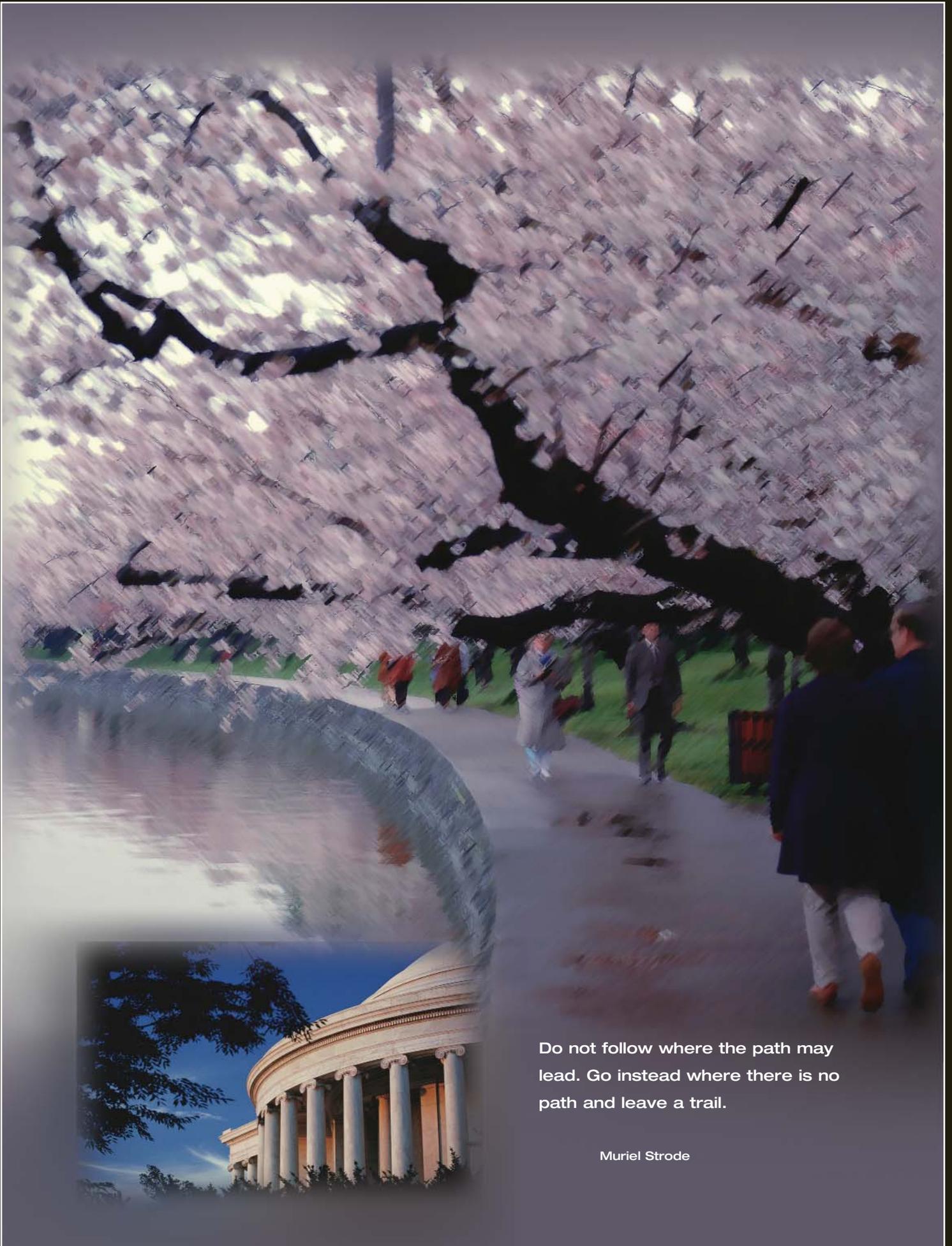
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17 St. Patrick's Day 18 19 20 21 22 23

24 Palm Sunday 25 26 27 28 Passover 29 Good Friday 30
 31 Easter Sunday



Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Muriel Strode

April



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7 Daylight Savings Time Begins	8	9	10	11	12	13
16th Annual National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, Sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV)						
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21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Secretary's Day	25	26 Take Your Daughter To Work Day	27
28	29	30				

Larry House served two tours of duty in Vietnam and returned home to his family in Kentucky. The VA provided services to help with the impact his serious disabilities had on him and his family. An individualized program of independent instruction in art sculpture and supportive services through the VR&E office in Louisville not only helped House's artistic talents emerge; they also helped save his family. "We're just happy that we still have him and that we're still together," his wife says. Today, he is an award-winning sculptor.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating
strife, who more than self their country
loved, and mercy more than life!

Katharine Lee Bates





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Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

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Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known only to God.

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Memorial Day (observed)

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The heroes of the world community are not those who withdrew when difficulties ensue, not those who can envision neither the prospect of success nor the consequence of failure- but those who stand the heat of battle, the fight for world peace."

Hubert Humphrey



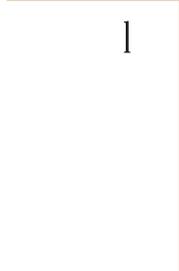
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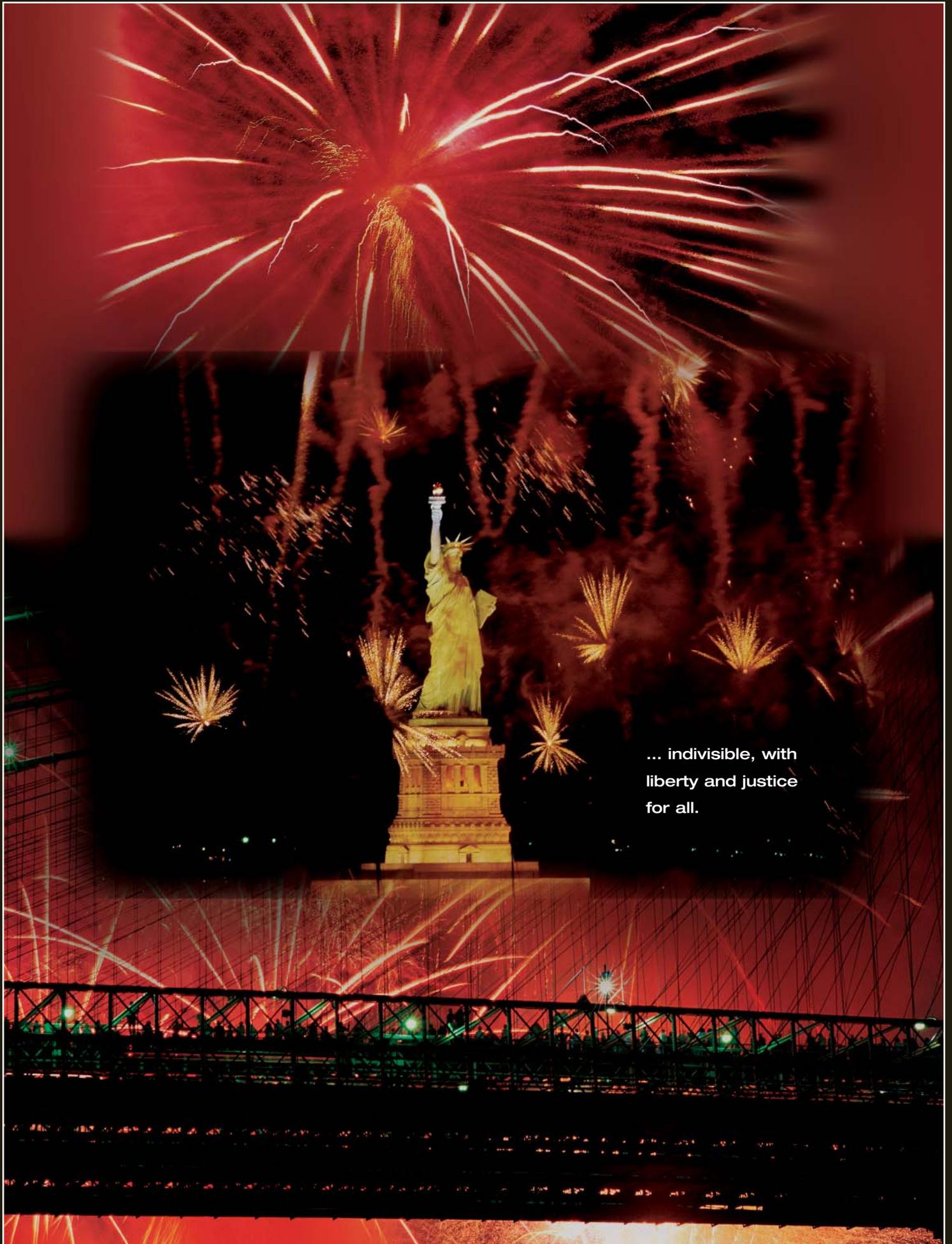
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Clyde Johnson is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force with ten years of service. A native of Texas, he entered the VR&E program in Houston and earned a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) certificate in 2000. He is employed as an Information Technology Specialist in Houston.



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liberty and justice
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22nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games Presented by The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)

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Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) - Enacted 1990

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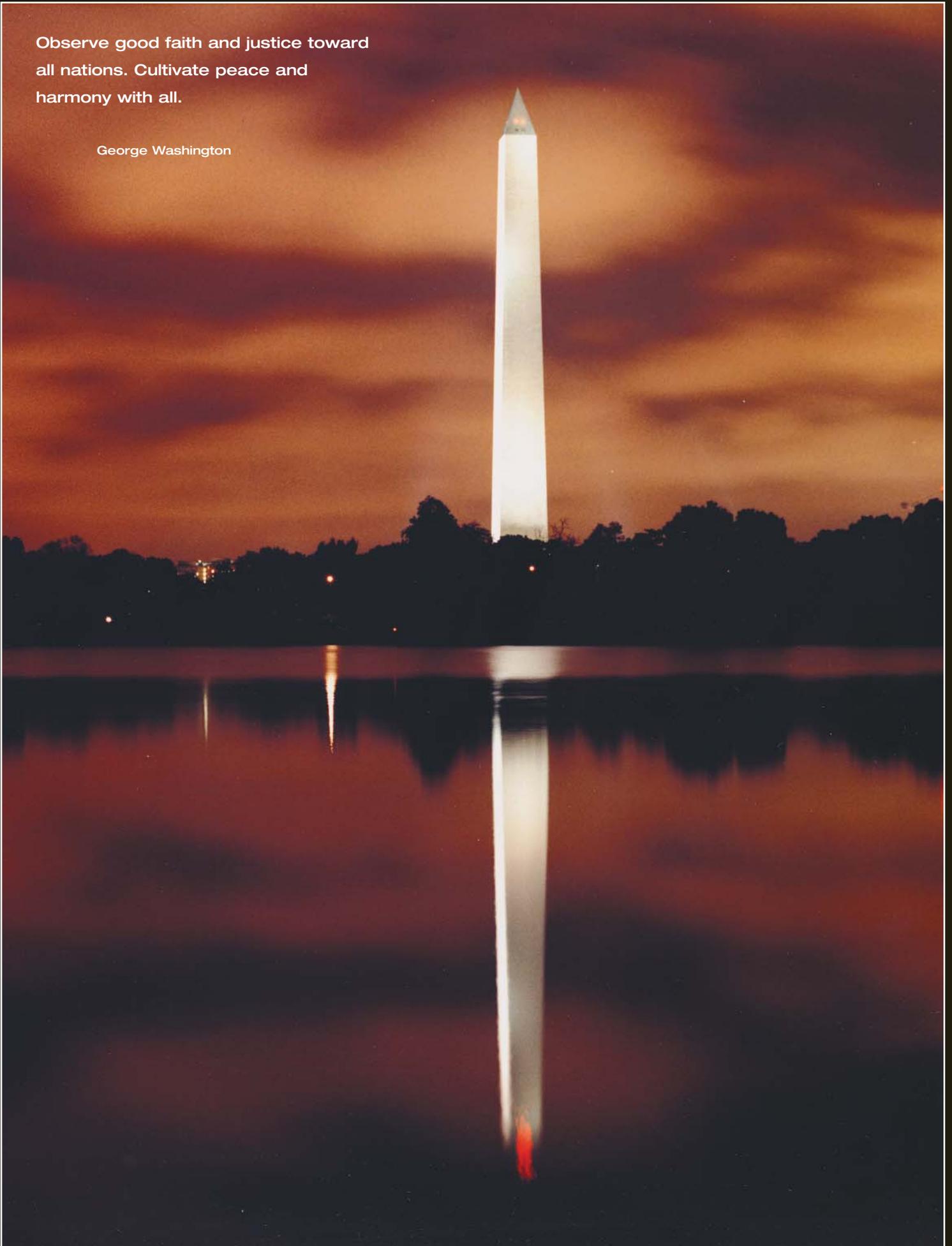
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Kirk Bauer, a native of Oakland, California, lost a leg from a hand grenade when his combat unit was ambushed in Vietnam. Bauer received VR&E services and earned a law degree from Boston University. He has served as Executive Director of Disabled Sports USA since 1982, leading its development into the nation's largest sports and recreation organization for physically disabled individuals.

Observe good faith and justice toward
all nations. Cultivate peace and
harmony with all.

George Washington



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Marine veteran Jim Taggart returned home to Boston in 1994. With help from VR&E, he earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from the University of Massachusetts and a Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling. A VR&E graduate, Taggart now serves the rehabilitation needs of other veterans as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in VA's Boston office.

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16th National Veterans Golden Age Games sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).						
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Old myths, old gods, old heroes have never died. They are only sleeping at the bottom of our mind, waiting for our call. We have need for them.

Stanley Kunitz



I'll take it from here.

Called to Duty



September



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15 Yom Kippur	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	<p><i>Building on skills that they acquired during military service, Bobby Fox and Ross Miles joined an on-the-job training program coordinated by the VR&E office in St. Petersburg, Florida. Fox served nearly three years in the U.S. Army, and Ross served seven years in the Air Force. Now Computer Numerical Control Machinists with Aerospace Components, Inc., Fox and Miles demonstrate how military discipline and civilian training can be successfully combined into suitable employment.</i></p>				



The test of rehabilitation shall be employability.

The World War Veteran's Act
Public Law #178, 65th Congress, 1924





October



National Disability Employment Awareness Month / Hispanic Heritage Month

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<p><i>In 1965, Jesse Brown was wounded while on a combat patrol in Vietnam. A graduate of the VR&E program, Brown went on to serve as Executive Director of the Disabled American Veterans before his Presidential appointment as the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, where he served from 1993 to 1997.</i></p>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Columbus Day
13	14 Columbus Day (Observed)	15	16 National Boss Day	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 United Nations Day	25	26
<p>THE NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL Sponsored by Department of Veterans Affairs, Help Hospitalized Veterans, and American Legion Auxiliary</p>						
27 Daylight Savings Time Ends	28	29	30	31 Halloween		
<p>THE NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL</p>						

Honoring all who served.

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ABOLTIN • PETER W BAXTER • ABRAHAM S
M LONG • GARY N MIYAKE • DONALD W
• JOHN H RABER • ROY P
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• LINWOOD B KRUG • LEE LIE I M
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BECKERMAN • ER E BROO
ATLING • JULIE • DONALD J



November

American Indian Heritage Month



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"An employment opportunity is a grateful nation's fitting response for faithful service."

*Anthony J. Principi
Secretary of Veterans Affairs*

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Peace is a journey of a thousand
miles and it must be taken one step
at a time.

Lyndon B. Johnson



December



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22 Winter Begins	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day (Canada, UK)	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

Severely wounded while serving with the Marine Corps in Vietnam, Bobby Barrera returned to his native Texas to begin a VA rehabilitation program. With help from the San Antonio VR&E office, Barrera earned a Bachelor's degree in sociology. Today, he is a Director of the Family Support Center at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas.

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